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FOR METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING SPECIES OF SHIGELLA AND E.COLI USING OPERON SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

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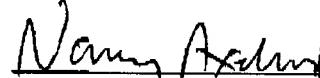
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add after the title (*i.e.*, Nucleic Acid Probes for the Detection of Shigella) the following sentence: *This application claims priority to U.S. provisional application SN 60/038,117, filed February 20, 1997, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.*

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated:

19. (Amended) A method for discriminating between species of Shigella and E. coli or for discriminating among species of Shigella and E. coli in a sample containing organisms of one or more taxonomic groups comprising: